

1 AN ACT concerning elections.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
 3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Election Code is amended by changing
 5 Sections 7-10 and 28-6 as follows:

6 (10 ILCS 5/7-10) (from Ch. 46, par. 7-10)

7 Sec. 7-10. Form of petition for nomination. The name of no
 8 candidate for nomination, or State central committeeman, or
 9 township committeeman, or precinct committeeman, or ward
 10 committeeman or candidate for delegate or alternate delegate to
 11 national nominating conventions, shall be printed upon the
 12 primary ballot unless a petition for nomination has been filed
 13 in his behalf as provided in this Article in substantially the
 14 following form:

15 We, the undersigned, members of and affiliated with the
 16 party and qualified primary electors of the party, in
 17 the of, in the county of and State of Illinois,
 18 do hereby petition that the following named person or persons
 19 shall be a candidate or candidates of the party for the
 20 nomination for (or in case of committeemen for election to) the
 21 office or offices hereinafter specified, to be voted for at the
 22 primary election to be held on (insert date).

23	Name	Office	Address
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1 candidates, in whose behalf such petition is signed; the
2 office, the political party represented and place of residence;
3 and the heading of each sheet shall be the same.

4 Such petition shall be signed by qualified primary electors
5 residing in the political division for which the nomination is
6 sought in their own proper persons only and opposite the
7 signature of each signer, his residence address shall be
8 written or printed. The residence address required to be
9 written or printed opposite each qualified primary elector's
10 name shall include the street address or rural route number of
11 the signer, as the case may be, as well as the signer's county,
12 and city, village or town, and state. However the county or
13 city, village or town, and state of residence of the electors
14 may be printed on the petition forms where all of the electors
15 signing the petition reside in the same county or city, village
16 or town, and state. Standard abbreviations may be used in
17 writing the residence address, including street number, if any.
18 At the bottom of each sheet of such petition shall be added a
19 circulator statement signed by a person 18 years of age or
20 older who is a citizen of the United States, stating the street
21 address or rural route number, as the case may be, as well as
22 the county, city, village or town, and state; and certifying
23 that the signatures on that sheet of the petition were signed
24 in his or her presence and certifying that the signatures are
25 genuine; and either (1) indicating the dates on which that
26 sheet was circulated, or (2) indicating the first and last

1 dates on which the sheet was circulated, or (3) certifying that
2 none of the signatures on the sheet were signed more than 90
3 days preceding the last day for the filing of the petition and
4 certifying that to the best of his or her knowledge and belief
5 the persons so signing were at the time of signing the
6 petitions qualified voters of the political party for which a
7 nomination is sought. Such statement shall be sworn to before
8 some officer authorized to administer oaths in this State.

9 No petition sheet shall be circulated more than 90 days
10 preceding the last day provided in Section 7-12 for the filing
11 of such petition.

12 The person circulating the petition, or the candidate on
13 whose behalf the petition is circulated, may strike any
14 signature from the petition, provided that:

15 (1) the person striking the signature shall initial the
16 petition at the place where the signature is struck; and

17 (2) the person striking the signature shall sign a
18 certification listing the page number and line number of
19 each signature struck from the petition. Such
20 certification shall be filed as a part of the petition.

21 Such sheets before being filed shall be neatly fastened
22 together in book form, by placing the sheets in a pile and
23 fastening them together at one edge in a secure and suitable
24 manner, and the sheets shall then be numbered consecutively.
25 The sheets shall not be fastened by pasting them together end
26 to end, so as to form a continuous strip or roll. All petition

1 sheets which are filed with the proper local election
2 officials, election authorities or the State Board of Elections
3 shall be the original sheets which have been signed by the
4 voters and by the circulator thereof, and not photocopies or
5 duplicates of such sheets. Each petition must include as a part
6 thereof, a statement of candidacy for each of the candidates
7 filing, or in whose behalf the petition is filed. This
8 statement shall set out the address of such candidate, the
9 office for which he is a candidate, shall state that the
10 candidate is a qualified primary voter of the party to which
11 the petition relates and is qualified for the office specified
12 (in the case of a candidate for State's Attorney it shall state
13 that the candidate is at the time of filing such statement a
14 licensed attorney-at-law of this State), shall state that he
15 has filed (or will file before the close of the petition filing
16 period) a statement of economic interests as required by the
17 Illinois Governmental Ethics Act, shall request that the
18 candidate's name be placed upon the official ballot, and shall
19 be subscribed and sworn to by such candidate before some
20 officer authorized to take acknowledgment of deeds in the State
21 and shall be in substantially the following form:

22 Statement of Candidacy

23	Name	Address	Office	District	Party
24	John Jones	102 Main St.	Governor	Statewide	Republican
25		Belvidere,			
26		Illinois			

1 State of Illinois)

2) ss.

3 County of)

4 I,, being first duly sworn, say that I reside at
5 Street in the city (or village) of, in the county of,
6 State of Illinois; that I am a qualified voter therein and am a
7 qualified primary voter of the party; that I am a
8 candidate for nomination (for election in the case of
9 committeeman and delegates and alternate delegates) to the
10 office of to be voted upon at the primary election to be
11 held on (insert date); that I am legally qualified (including
12 being the holder of any license that may be an eligibility
13 requirement for the office I seek the nomination for) to hold
14 such office and that I have filed (or I will file before the
15 close of the petition filing period) a statement of economic
16 interests as required by the Illinois Governmental Ethics Act
17 and I hereby request that my name be printed upon the official
18 primary ballot for nomination for (or election to in the case
19 of committeemen and delegates and alternate delegates) such
20 office.

21 Signed

22 Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me by,
23 who is to me personally known, on (insert date).

24 Signed

25 (Official Character)

1 (Seal, if officer has one.)

2 The petitions, when filed, shall not be withdrawn or added
3 to, and no signatures shall be revoked except by revocation
4 filed in writing with the State Board of Elections, election
5 authority or local election official with whom the petition is
6 required to be filed, and before the filing of such petition.
7 Whoever forges the name of a signer upon any petition required
8 by this Article is deemed guilty of a forgery and on conviction
9 thereof shall be punished accordingly.

10 A candidate for the offices listed in this Section must
11 obtain the number of signatures specified in this Section on
12 his or her petition for nomination.

13 (a) Statewide office or delegate to a national nominating
14 convention. If a candidate seeks to run for statewide office or
15 as a delegate or alternate delegate to a national nominating
16 convention elected from the State at-large, then the
17 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 5,000
18 but not more than 10,000 signatures.

19 (b) Congressional office or congressional delegate to a
20 national nominating convention. If a candidate seeks to run for
21 United States Congress or as a congressional delegate or
22 alternate congressional delegate to a national nominating
23 convention elected from a congressional district, then the
24 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
25 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary

1 electors of his or her party in his or her congressional
2 district. In the first primary election following a
3 redistricting of congressional districts, a candidate's
4 petition for nomination must contain at least 600 signatures of
5 qualified primary electors of the candidate's political party
6 in his or her congressional district.

7 (c) County office. If a candidate seeks to run for any
8 countywide office, including but not limited to county board
9 chairperson or county board member, elected on an at-large
10 basis, in a county other than Cook County, then the candidate's
11 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
12 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or
13 her party who cast votes at the last preceding general election
14 in his or her county ~~(or 1.5% if the county is DuPage County)~~.

15 If a candidate seeks to run for county board member elected
16 from a county board district, then the candidate's petition for
17 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal
18 to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party
19 in the county board district ~~(or 1.5% if the county is DuPage~~

20 ~~County)~~. In the first primary election following a
21 redistricting of county board districts or the initial
22 establishment of county board districts, a candidate's
23 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
24 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or
25 her party in the entire county who cast votes at the last
26 preceding general election divided by the total number of

1 county board districts comprising the county board ~~(or 1.5% if~~
2 ~~the county is DuPage County)~~; provided that in no event shall
3 the number of signatures be less than 25.

4 (d) County office; Cook County only.

5 (1) If a candidate seeks to run for countywide office
6 in Cook County, then the candidate's petition for
7 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
8 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
9 who cast votes at the last preceding general election in
10 Cook County.

11 (2) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
12 Commissioner, then the candidate's petition for nomination
13 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to
14 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of his or her party
15 in his or her county board district. In the first primary
16 election following a redistricting of Cook County Board of
17 Commissioners districts, a candidate's petition for
18 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures
19 equal to 0.5% of the qualified electors of his or her party
20 in the entire county who cast votes at the last preceding
21 general election divided by the total number of county
22 board districts comprising the county board; provided that
23 in no event shall the number of signatures be less than 25.

24 (3) If a candidate seeks to run for Cook County Board
25 of Review Commissioner, which is elected from a district
26 pursuant to subsection (c) of Section 5-5 of the Property

1 Tax Code, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
2 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of
3 the total number of registered voters in his or her board
4 of review district in the last general election at which a
5 commissioner was regularly scheduled to be elected from
6 that board of review district. In no event shall the number
7 of signatures required be greater than the requisite number
8 for a candidate who seeks countywide office in Cook County
9 under subsection (d)(1) of this Section. In the first
10 primary election following a redistricting of Cook County
11 Board of Review districts, a candidate's petition for
12 nomination must contain at least 4,000 signatures or at
13 least the number of signatures required for a countywide
14 candidate in Cook County, whichever is less, of the
15 qualified electors of his or her party in the district.

16 (e) Municipal or township office. If a candidate seeks to
17 run for municipal or township office, then the candidate's
18 petition for nomination must contain at least the number of
19 signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary electors of
20 his or her party in the municipality or township. If a
21 candidate seeks to run for alderman of a municipality, then the
22 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
23 number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the qualified primary
24 electors of his or her party of the ward. In the first primary
25 election following redistricting of aldermanic wards or
26 trustee districts of a municipality or the initial

1 establishment of wards or districts, a candidate's petition for
2 nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to at
3 least 0.5% of the total number of votes cast for the candidate
4 of that political party who received the highest number of
5 votes in the entire municipality at the last regular election
6 at which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
7 the entire municipality, divided by the number of wards or
8 districts. In no event shall the number of signatures be less
9 than 25.

10 (f) State central committeeperson. If a candidate seeks to
11 run for State central committeeperson, then the candidate's
12 petition for nomination must contain at least 100 signatures of
13 the primary electors of his or her party of his or her
14 congressional district.

15 (g) Sanitary district trustee. If a candidate seeks to run
16 for trustee of a sanitary district in which trustees are not
17 elected from wards, then the candidate's petition for
18 nomination must contain at least the number of signatures equal
19 to 0.5% of the primary electors of his or her party from the
20 sanitary district. If a candidate seeks to run for trustee of a
21 sanitary district in which trustees are elected from wards,
22 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain at
23 least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the primary
24 electors of his or her party in the ward of that sanitary
25 district. In the first primary election following
26 redistricting of sanitary districts elected from wards, a

1 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least the
2 signatures of 150 qualified primary electors of his or her ward
3 of that sanitary district.

4 (h) Judicial office. If a candidate seeks to run for
5 judicial office in a district, then the candidate's petition
6 for nomination must contain the number of signatures equal to
7 0.4% of the number of votes cast in that district for the
8 candidate for his or her political party for the office of
9 Governor at the last general election at which a Governor was
10 elected, but in no event less than 500 signatures. If a
11 candidate seeks to run for judicial office in a circuit or
12 subcircuit, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
13 contain the number of signatures equal to 0.25% of the number
14 of votes cast for the judicial candidate of his or her
15 political party who received the highest number of votes at the
16 last general election at which a judicial officer from the same
17 circuit or subcircuit was regularly scheduled to be elected,
18 but in no event less than 500 signatures.

19 (i) Precinct, ward, and township committeeperson. If a
20 candidate seeks to run for precinct committeeperson, then the
21 candidate's petition for nomination must contain at least 10
22 signatures of the primary electors of his or her party for the
23 precinct. If a candidate seeks to run for ward committeeperson,
24 then the candidate's petition for nomination must contain no
25 less than the number of signatures equal to 10% of the primary
26 electors of his or her party of the ward, but no more than 16%

1 of those same electors; provided that the maximum number of
2 signatures may be 50 more than the minimum number, whichever is
3 greater. If a candidate seeks to run for township
4 committeeperson, then the candidate's petition for nomination
5 must contain no less than the number of signatures equal to 5%
6 of the primary electors of his or her party of the township,
7 but no more than 8% of those same electors; provided that the
8 maximum number of signatures may be 50 more than the minimum
9 number, whichever is greater.

10 (j) State's attorney or regional superintendent of schools
11 for multiple counties. If a candidate seeks to run for State's
12 attorney or regional Superintendent of Schools who serves more
13 than one county, then the candidate's petition for nomination
14 must contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of
15 the primary electors of his or her party in the territory
16 comprising the counties.

17 (k) Any other office. If a candidate seeks any other
18 office, then the candidate's petition for nomination must
19 contain at least the number of signatures equal to 0.5% of the
20 registered voters of the political subdivision, district, or
21 division for which the nomination is made or 25 signatures,
22 whichever is greater.

23 For purposes of this Section the number of primary electors
24 shall be determined by taking the total vote cast, in the
25 applicable district, for the candidate for that political party
26 who received the highest number of votes, statewide, at the

1 last general election in the State at which electors for
2 President of the United States were elected. For political
3 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be
4 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
5 that political party who received the highest number of votes
6 in the political subdivision at the last regular election at
7 which an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from
8 that subdivision. For wards or districts of political
9 subdivisions, the number of primary electors shall be
10 determined by taking the total vote cast for the candidate for
11 that political party who received the highest number of votes
12 in the ward or district at the last regular election at which
13 an officer was regularly scheduled to be elected from that ward
14 or district.

15 A "qualified primary elector" of a party may not sign
16 petitions for or be a candidate in the primary of more than one
17 party.

18 The changes made to this Section of this amendatory Act of
19 the 93rd General Assembly are declarative of existing law,
20 except for item (3) of subsection (d).

21 Petitions of candidates for nomination for offices herein
22 specified, to be filed with the same officer, may contain the
23 names of 2 or more candidates of the same political party for
24 the same or different offices.

25 (Source: P.A. 94-645, eff. 8-22-05; 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)

1 (10 ILCS 5/28-6) (from Ch. 46, par. 28-6)

2 Sec. 28-6. Petitions; filing.

3 (a) On a written petition signed by a number of voters
4 equal to ~~(i) through the general election in 2008,~~ at least 8%
5 ~~of the total votes cast for candidates for Governor in the~~
6 ~~preceding gubernatorial election by the registered voters of~~
7 ~~the municipality, township, county or school district and (ii)~~
8 ~~beginning with elections in 2009 and thereafter,~~ at least 11%
9 of the total ballots cast by the registered voters of the
10 municipality, township, county, or school district in the last
11 regular election conducted in the municipality, township,
12 county, or school district, it shall be the duty of the proper
13 election officers to submit any question of public policy so
14 petitioned for, to the electors of such political subdivision
15 at any regular election named in the petition at which an
16 election is scheduled to be held throughout such political
17 subdivision under Article 2A. Such petitions shall be filed
18 with the local election official of the political subdivision
19 or election authority, as the case may be. Where such a
20 question is to be submitted to the voters of a municipality
21 which has adopted Article 6, or a township or school district
22 located entirely within the jurisdiction of a municipal board
23 of election commissioners, such petitions shall be filed with
24 the board of election commissioners having jurisdiction over
25 the political subdivision.

26 (b) In a municipality with more than 1,000,000 inhabitants,

1 when a question of public policy exclusively concerning a
2 contiguous territory included entirely within but not
3 coextensive with the municipality is initiated by resolution or
4 ordinance of the corporate authorities of the municipality, or
5 by a petition which may be signed by registered voters who
6 reside in any part of any precinct all or part of which
7 includes all or part of the territory and who equal in number
8 ~~(i) through the general election in 2008~~ at least 8% ~~of the~~
9 ~~total votes cast for candidates for Governor in the preceding~~
10 ~~gubernatorial election by the voters of the precinct or~~
11 ~~precincts in the territory where the question is to be~~
12 ~~submitted to the voters and (ii) beginning with elections in~~
13 ~~2009 and thereafter, at least 11%~~ of the total ballots cast at
14 the last regular election conducted in the precinct or
15 precincts in the territory where the question is to be
16 submitted to the voters, it shall be the duty of the election
17 authority having jurisdiction over such municipality to submit
18 such question to the electors throughout each precinct all or
19 part of which includes all or part of the territory at the
20 regular election specified in the resolution, ordinance or
21 petition initiating the public question. A petition initiating
22 a public question described in this subsection shall be filed
23 with the election authority having jurisdiction over the
24 municipality. A resolution, ordinance or petition initiating a
25 public question described in this subsection shall specify the
26 election at which the question is to be submitted.

1 (c) Local questions of public policy authorized by this
2 Section and statewide questions of public policy authorized by
3 Section 28-9 shall be advisory public questions, and no legal
4 effects shall result from the adoption or rejection of such
5 propositions.

6 (d) This Section does not apply to a petition filed
7 pursuant to Article IX of the Liquor Control Act of 1934.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-699, eff. 11-9-07.)